

**Notice of Public Scoping**  
**Grazing Permit Renewals**  
**and**  
**Land Health Assessments**

Comment Period: Open until **October 31, 2005**

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The **Little Snake Field Office** is soliciting public comments on the following two topics: First, we would like assistance in prioritizing **watersheds** for the assessment of public land health standards for Colorado. Secondly, we intend to renew **20** grazing permit/leases in 2006 that expire in FY07. We need to determine the level of public interest, concern, and resource conditions on each of the allotments up for assessment and renewal.

The assessment of public land health will be done on a **watershed** basis. During FY 2006 the **Little Snake FO** will be completing land health assessment(s) in the following: **Williams Fork and Great Divide Watersheds** .

Once the FO receives the public comments, the staff will meet as an interdisciplinary team. Using the public comments and all other available information provided, the FO Inter-Disciplinary Team will establish the priority list of the sites that will be assessed for compliance with the health standards during the 2006 field season.

Following are the **watershed** and acreage identified in the FO that we are soliciting input regarding when the assessment will be initiated.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Federal Acreage</b>
<b>Williams Fork</b>	<b>17,031</b>
<b>Great Divide</b>	<b>23,292</b>

The FO will be also be completing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and making decisions on the renewal of certain grazing permits/leases. Since the level of NEPA analysis is in part driven by the level of public interest and concern, your comments are requested relative to conditions you have observed on these allotments, and/or specific environmental concerns about the lands and/or resources found within the specific allotment. The more specific and factual your information is, the more helpful and useful it will be.

An interdisciplinary team will rank the expiring permits into high and low priority categories based on public comments and all other information available. The ranking will help determine the amount of consideration necessary and the appropriate level of NEPA documentation for reaching a decision on each grazing permit renewal. The ranking will also help to allocate office staff resources to address concerns on a priority basis.

The following BLM grazing permits/leases are scheduled to expire in FY2007 on the following BLM grazing allotments in the **Little Snake FO**:

<b>Allotment Name &amp; Number</b>	<b>Federal Acres</b>	<b>Permittee/Lessee</b>	
Peterson Draw #04316	2603	Raftopoulos, John & Steve	
Upper Rye Grass #04313	3176		
Smelter Hill #04310	7942		
Browns Draw #04315	12075		
Upper Timberlake #04543	1093	Evans, Jason & Jenny	
E. Spring Creek #04435	4570	Deakins, Tom	
LU 3-A #04523	1696	Preece, Cleeve	
West Great Divide #04526	579		
Williams Fork #04600	1428	Hathorn, Stanley	
Crooked Wash #04404	6310	Adams, Don	
Upper Spring Creek #04536	1405	Maneotis, John	
Lower Spring Creek #04535	1196	Brannan, John	
Jack Rabbit Creek #04031	1074	Pothook Ranch	
Buck Mountain #04115	959	Chew Livestock Inc.	

Lower Waddle Creek #04130	369	Durham, Raymond & Starla	
Oklahoma Flat #04143	442	Wyman, Veda	
Mill Creek #04117	40	Hill, Sam	
Coleman Creek #04110	638	Meadows Realty	
West County Rd #7 #04072	710	Nottingham Land & Livestock	
North Mud Spring #04051	1772		
N. Fork Elkhead Cr. #04093	1697		
Day Creek #04112	382		
Middle Bord Gulch #04053	471		
Cutoff Gulch #04047	1864	Taylor, Troy	
Upper Sand Creek #04147	80	Adams, Wes	
Tow Creek #04104	980	Utterback, Claude Family Trust	
Govt. Corral Creek #04025	488	Williams, Thomas	
Dunstan Gulch #04142	1534	Wyman, Louis	

If you have any information or concerns, wish to be considered as an interested party on a permit or allotment, or wish to be involved in a health of the land assessment, please contact the individual at the address above to be put on a mailing list. If you do not have specific comments at this time but have questions about the land areas or allotments listed in this notice, contact the individual at the address above.